

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2487—the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

H.R. 2487 includes \$650,000 in the COPS Tech account for the Kansas Regional Community Policing Institute. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmont St., Wichita, KS 67260.

The funds will be used to continue the operation of the Kansas Regional Community Policing Institute (KsRCPI) to provide training and technical assistance to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Kansas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on congressionally directed spending, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed spending I received as part of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project Name: Tarleton State University Rural Law Enforcement

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: Tarleton State University, 1333 W. Washington Ave., Stephenville, TX 76402.

Amount Provided: \$1,500,000

Project Description: Small cities and rural jurisdictions are often manpower and budget limited to accomplish all the duties necessary to their missions. While the insertion of modern information technology and associated criminal justice technology is intended to make local law enforcement operations more efficient and informed, the initial integration of computer technology can be manpower intensive and, overwhelming. The objective of this initiative is to establish a rural law enforcement information technology and anti-terrorism service at Tarleton State University. Its focus will be to provide information technology assistance and anti-terrorism training to small city and county law enforcement operations in coordination with other State and Federal chartered information and assistance resources.

Benefit to Taxpayers: The objective of this initiative is to establish a technology assessment capability to contribute to the U.S. De-

partment of Justice's National Resources Center for evaluation of information technology products for use in information sharing for criminal justice matters of interest to local and concurrent jurisdictions. In addition, small and rural jurisdictions have very limited access to anti-terrorism training. The Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Homeland Security are cooperators with Tarleton in this initiative. In addition, anti-terrorism technology and training will be conducted as endorsed by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). Standardized DHS/FEMA/DoD curricula have been and will be delivered to small and rural jurisdictions. Emergency preparedness training and anti-terrorist response teams training will be included.

Spending Plan:

Salaries (25%): 375,000

Travel (2%): 30,000

Records Management & Database (73%): 1,125,000

Total: 1,500,000

Project Name: Belton, Texas First Responder Equipment, Technology and Interoperability Upgrades

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: The City of Belton, TX 333 Water Street, Belton, TX 76513.

Amount Provided: \$700,000

Project Description: Federal funds will be used to acquire equipment, technology and communications apparatus that will enable first responders in Belton, TX to address crime that occurs due to the City's location at the intersection of I-35 and I-190. In addition to upgrading antiquated equipment, this funding will assist in the identification, prosecution and cleanup of drug-related crimes, including methamphetamines. As the county seat, enhanced equipment will benefit Bell County by resuming Belton's participation in the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; bringing Belton current with state of the art communications equipment; improving emergency response due to updated emergency sirens; and by standardizing department weapons.

Benefit to District: Funds will address four goals: Interoperability; Public Safety and Emergency Operations Enhancement; Drug Interdiction; and Training and Technology Enhancements. As the county seat, funds will benefit Bell County by Belton's participation in the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; modernizing communications equipment; improving emergency response; and by standardizing department weapons.

Spending Plan:

I. Communications Interoperability, \$303,200; Handheld Radios—38 @ \$3,650; Mobile Data Terminals—Police/Fire—18 @ \$7,750; Police Negotiator "Throw" Phone—1 @ \$25,000.

II. Emergency Operations Enhancement, \$121,100; Outdoor Emergency Sirens—2 @ \$25,000; Defibrillators for buildings/vehicles—29 @ \$2,100; Standardized Police Department Weapons.

III. Drug Interdiction \$350,000; Central Texas Narcotics Task Force; K-9 Unit.

IV. Police Technology and Training, \$115,370; Police "Shoot/Don't Shoot" Simulator; Automatic Ticket Writers—12 @ \$4,785; Dry Safe Cabinet for Evidence Handling.

Training Mannequin

Total Project Cost, \$889,670

Federal Appropriations Request, \$700,000

Private Contribution, \$189,670

Project Name: Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

Account: DOJ OJP—Byrne

Project Recipient and Address: City of Round Rock, TX, 221 E. Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664.

Amount Provided: \$300,000

Project Description: The city of Round Rock's Police Department has a critical need for criminal investigation funding, life-saving SWAT equipment, and key individual officer equipment and facilities. The equipment provided by this funding would be used by officers to fight and prevent crime in many areas, including gang and drug-related activities, routine criminal investigations, security surveillance, and large-scale emergency response.

Benefit to District: The Round Rock Police Department, a subset of the city of Round Rock, Texas government, is responsible for the safety of the citizens of Round Rock, Texas and those who visit it.

Spending Plan:

Criminal Investigations: \$120,000; Forensic software, Trackers, Kell Kit, Light/pole surveillance cameras, MCT's, IR Camera.

SWAT: \$60,000; Scout/robot, CINT-negotiations management.

Individual Officer Equipment: \$120,000; Tasers, Vehicles, Cameras, Recording devices.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I, and Rep. JOHN CULBERSON, have secured \$350,000 for the

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Houston Police Department to be used towards enforcement of illegal possession and distribution of Methamphetamine/ICE, Heroin, Cocaine and Marijuana throughout the Houston region. The Houston Police Department intends to use the funds for classified overtime for Narcotics Personnel, for the purchase of covert equipment, for the purchase of evidence/information, for the purchase of block overtime expenses for general personnel, and for investigative travel. The Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team (TNET) is an enforcement group whose mission is to carry out investigations addressing the broad spectrum of drug trafficking in and through the Houston region. The goal is to identify, target, and disrupt or dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating on a regional scale. However, TNET is unique in its efforts by focusing on the full organization. With investigators continuously developing confidential sources (CS) along the Texas-Mexico border, the group is able to target major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). TNET also works through its coalition of investigators, attorneys, inspectors, and citizen groups to target the dealers and end users that make the DTOs' work profitable. Over the past several years, Mexican DTOs have taken over the production of Methamphetamine and the more crystallized meth known as "ICE." Once dominated by domestic labs, Mexican DTOs now produce the bulk of methamphetamine powder and ICE. These DTOs have utilized the same smuggling routes and techniques that have been used in the past. TNET has quickly adapted to this new threat and has successfully targeted these Methamphetamine DTOs. Additional resources will enhance our ability to combat these sophisticated DTOs.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County, TX Constable Precinct #4

Address of Requesting Entity: 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Suite 520, Spring, TX 77379

Description of Request: I have secured \$90,000 in funding to be used to provide a uniform manner of handling violent crimes against woman within this precinct by supporting an investigating deputy for the precinct. This way cases will be worked on 24 hours a day and have a faster completion time. The investigating deputy shall make the scene when an incident is reported and interview all victim(s), suspect(s), and witness(es) while at the scene. Collect all evidence at the scene and provide the victim(s) with a written notification of their "Victim Rights" found in the departmental issued Victim Assistance pamphlet. The investigator shall initiate a case report and post the case on the office information board so that all patrol deputies may be informed of the case.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$910,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase more LiveScan equipment, enabling them to capture electronic fingerprints and be part of the IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program which enables them to determine in seconds as opposed to days the alienage and criminal history of those they apprehend through the federal Law Enforcement Support Center. They still need 9 more machines to be fully electronic under IAFIS city wide. Additionally, funding will be used to purchase additional handheld devices that would be given to police officers to quickly capture biometric information of suspects and quickly determine their criminal histories, outstanding warrants, whether they have an order of removal or bench warrant for a failure to appear for an immigration proceeding from Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Detention and Removal's deportable felon database.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THE COLES DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. On June 27, 2009 the department will hold its 60th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, marking its 60th year of service to the residents of Prince William County.

Prince William County has changed drastically since the Coles Department was established in 1949 as the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department. At that time, the early fire notification system consisted of a 110 foot fire tower that looked out over Prince William County's largely wooded landscape. Just six community volunteers handled the department's workload in those early years.

After years of expansion and the construction of a new fire station in 1979, the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad continues to be an invaluable resource for the Prince William community. The membership has grown to 45 life, active, junior and associate members. These members are business executives, police officers, professional firefighters, information technology professionals, tradesmen and other civil servants in local and federal government. Each year, they dedicate tens of thousands of volunteer hours to promoting and protecting the safety of their friends and neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the members, past and present, of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The dedication of these community volunteers has ensured that the Coles Department will remain a vibrant and robust organization, delivering vital services to residents during an emergency.

And to every member of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department, I say, "Stay Safe."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

MR. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

The Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill makes investments that are important to hard-working families and vital to the well-being of local communities. It keeps cops on the beat, helps small and mid-size companies remain competitive in the global economy, and provides legal assistance to those unable to afford it. It also funds the census, and this year's bill includes \$7.4 billion in funding for the U.S. Census Bureau, matching the President's request.

Every decade, we recount our nation's population. The Commerce Department oversees this massive effort, and it is gearing up for the 2010 recount. The importance of the census cannot be overstated.

The census is not just a head count of our population, but a snapshot of how Americans are living, including their family relationships, economic status and much more. The data collected is incredibly important because it is used to help dictate how federal and state money is appropriated for health, education and transportation initiatives; to guide local planning decisions, such as where to build schools and roads; and to determine private business investments, such as where to locate a company or expand business.

There are, however, many challenges in conducting the census and 2010 will be even more difficult than in years past. Population growth means there are more people to count and more homes to visit. Furthermore, among immigrant and non-English speaking populations, there are fears of deportation, language barriers, and mistrust of government, which have left many areas of our country undercounted in the past.

We cannot let the past repeat itself. We have an obligation to our constituents to ensure they are counted in 2010. And, the \$7.4 billion in this bill for the U.S. Census Bureau will be used, in part, to raise awareness of the upcoming census, educate individuals on the importance of their participation, and teach people about the benefits that will come to their community as a result of their participation.

We must inform them that census workers are legally prohibited from reporting a resident's legal status. We must inform them that for the first time a bilingual form will be sent to neighborhoods with large Spanish speaking populations and, as before, the form will be available in other major languages. We must inform them that their participation will only serve to help them and their community.

In the 2000 census, many members of immigrant and minority groups did not fill out the form—skewing the results and costing their communities federal funds. Many of these communities are the ones in greatest need of housing, education and legal services. We need to let our constituents know what is at stake so they will take the time to engage and participate.

Standing up and being counted is not only a constitutional requirement, but an American tradition. It illustrates the size and diversity of the United States of America in the 21st century. That is why I hope all of my colleagues will work in their districts to ensure that we have the highest participation than any other census before. And, it is why I hope my colleagues will support the money in this bill for the 2010 census.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in response to the devastating attacks of September 11th 2001 our nation was forced to take strong and decisive action in Afghanistan and throughout the world with the Global War on Terror to protect and defend the values and national interests of the American people. For eight years, Congress has dutifully provided the resources our troops need to carry out the will of this nation.

Today we are considering H.R. 2346, the FY2009 War Supplemental Appropriations bill, to once again provide these resources our troops require. Sadly Congressional Democrats have chosen to use this vitally important funding bill to advance the Obama administration's reckless national security and economic policies. I cannot support a bill that places our citizens and military servicemembers at risk, as well as advances irresponsible economic policies that put our economy at risk.

The detainees currently housed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are among the world's most dangerous, hardened terrorists. These detainees masterminded the September 11th terrorist attacks, plotted numerous terrorist attacks around the world, and killed American troops and civilians. In developing a policy to deal with such dangerous people, though, the Obama administration has focused on one single goal: close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. Although the facility at Guantanamo Bay is the world's most secure prison, the administration has instead developed a two-pronged plan to abandon these facilities and bring detainees to the United States either for release into our streets or release into our prisons.

I do not want terrorists to come to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, or any American town. Bringing detainees to Fort Leavenworth would conflict with its primary mission of being the educational center of the Army and is impractical from a facilities and logistical perspective. Most importantly, it would place the citizens of Leavenworth, Johnson County, and the greater Kansas City metro area at unnecessary risk.

Unfortunately, this policy, which is designed to placate anti-war activists, fails to address the serious national security concerns that are clearly seen by the American people. In multiple opinion polls, the American people overwhelmingly reject the notion of bringing terrorists-detainees to the U.S. They know that bringing terrorists to our street or prisons places our nation at risk.

Democrat leadership has rejected the views of the American people and included a provision to create a process for the administration to bring terrorist-detainees to the United States. This provision provides little of the protections and guarantees the American people expect. Let me be clear, this provision will do nothing to prevent the Obama administration from moving terrorists from a secure military facility to our hometowns.

In addition to placing American citizens at risk, this legislation also places American military servicemembers in harm's way by the removal of the bi-partisan Lieberman-Graham amendment. This critical amendment would have blocked the release of photographs of individuals captured or detained by the U.S. military during overseas operations. Senators JOE LIEBERMAN (ID-CT) and LINDSAY GRAHAM (R-SC) who sponsored the original amendment, clearly stated, "the release of the photos will serve as propaganda and recruiting tool for terrorists who seek to attack American citizens at home and abroad." Even President Obama has said that the release of these photographs would "put our troops and civilians serving our nation abroad in greater danger." Instead of acting in the best interests of our troops, however, Congressional Democrats have sided with the extremist left and lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) by removing this important provision.

Although Congressional Democrats left out language to prevent terrorists from being brought to our shores and to protect our troops, they found room to add two unrelated provisions that continue this administration's favorite cure-all for our economic woes: bailouts.

Perhaps most concerning, the War Supplemental Appropriations bill contains a \$108 billion loan authority for the International Monetary Fund (IMF)—a Global Bailout. Unrelated to the war effort, this Global Bailout represents a ten-fold increase in the U.S.'s current IMF contribution to fund an expansion of IMF lending. In addition, through the IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), countries that oppose U.S. values and national interests would receive access to additional hard currency. Iran will receive a benefit up to \$1.8 billion, Syria \$305 million, Venezuela \$3.2 billion, and Sudan \$202 million. I find it very disturbing that Democrats would use a war spending bill to prop-up state sponsors of terrorism.

Finally, I object to the "Cash for Clunkers" provision included in H.R. 2346. The automobile manufacturers have already received \$110 billion in bailouts from the federal government. Yet, Congressional Democrats have decided to funnel another \$1 billion in bailout dollars to the very same industry. I have opposed the bailouts from the beginning. Instead of enacting real solutions to address this economic crisis, Democrats are again pushing their tired, old ideas of more and more government spending. Bailouts and more government spending have proven ineffective in jump-starting the economy. These are the wrong solu-

tions for our economy, and however well-intentioned, will only prolong our economic woes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this bill. As currently written, this bill offers the wrong solutions to real problems. It places our citizens, troops and economy at risk. H.R. 2346 should instead return to the Conference Committee and focus on funding our troops and keeping the American people safe.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PAUL
NAVARRO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in special tribute to an outstanding public servant and community leader, Paul Navarro. Today it is my honor to join the Members of the East Harlem Asthma Working Group, Inc. (EHAWG) and the public service sector of the City of New York to pay tribute to a courageous New Yorker and exceptional human being, for his commitment, and tireless efforts, in improving the lives of so many affordable homeowners and renters throughout my Congressional District and beyond.

Born and raised in the South Bronx, where he still lives, Paul graduated from Lehman College in 1980 with a degree in Public and Group Communications. Troubled by the poverty and urban blight that plagued his neighborhood, Paul got involved in community activism by becoming an active member of his Community Planning Board; he also served as President of his Homeowner's Association for 15 years; created a green thumb garden; and helped to identify buildings which required renovation and repair and improved the quality of the life of the surrounding neighborhoods. He later became an executive board member and treasurer of the Diego-Beekman houses, a thirty-one building development housing over 1200 families in the South Bronx.

Paul joined Mayor Koch's Division of Labor Services in 1980, responsible for monitoring equal employment opportunities and prevailing wage rates in the construction industry. His career continued with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) as a Property Manager in East and Central Harlem, helping tenants with rent and repair issues. In 1987, Paul was named Director of the Crisis Management Unit in East Harlem.

During the 1990's, while living through kidney failure, dialysis treatments and receiving a kidney transplant, Paul served as HPD's Director of Anti-Abandonment Program for the Borough of Manhattan. In 1999, late and former New York City Council Member Philip Reed presented Paul a special Citation for Outstanding Service to the Community for all of his positive efforts in the Anti-Abandonment Program.

In 2001, as a member of the East Harlem Asthma Working Group (EHAWG) Paul shared a City Council Proclamation from former City Council Speaker A. Gifford Miller. In 2006, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly presented Paul with the prestigious Isaac Lieberman Award for Outstanding Performance by a Civil Service Employee. Paul continues to stand up for fair and decent housing

today as Director of the Green Point-Williamsburg Tenant Assistance Center in Brooklyn, and his team have assisted over 1300 families with landlord/tenant disputes and submitted an amazing 983 Section 8 applications.

Paul has two daughters, Elaine and Nancy, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and despite his own health issues, along with his brother Rick, they take care of their 85 year old mother, Maria, who suffers from dementia. Let us all salute a great New Yorker, Paul Navarro.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD BAUMGARTNER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Richard J. Baumgartner. Mr. Baumgartner has served the children of Northern Virginia as an educator for thirty-seven years. Mr. Baumgartner has consistently been a strong advocate of quality education for all children and appropriate compensation for teachers.

As an educator, Mr. Baumgartner witnessed first-hand the expansive growth of Fairfax County and its public school system. Mr. Baumgartner's career has led him to excel in a variety of capacities within Fairfax County Public Schools. In fact, during his tenure, Mr. Baumgartner had the unique opportunity to serve on the initial opening faculty at three different elementary schools. He was a valuable asset to these schools and their principals during the difficult process of establishing a new school.

Mr. Baumgartner was a strong advocate on behalf of teachers in Fairfax County while serving as President of the Fairfax Education Association from 2000–2002 and 2004–2007. During his first term, Mr. Baumgartner worked with the school administration to examine the effectiveness of National Board Certification. Mr. Baumgartner also succeeded in helping change policy with regards to the Virginia Retirement System. Significant highlights of Mr. Baumgartner's second term include getting salary credit for instructional assistants who become teachers and implementing a nationally recognized teacher working conditions survey.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our gratitude to Richard J. Baumgartner for his thirty-seven years of service to the students and staff of the Fairfax County Public School system and in wishing him the very best in his retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2847.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ–02) (along with Reps. BISHOP (NY), PALLONE and KING (NY))

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: NOAA, NMFS Fisheries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 501 Trenton Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 for the collection and provision of data on summer flounder and black sea bass to the NMFS, regional councils, and state regulatory bodies and participate in the assessment process carried out by these groups.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ–02) (along with Reps. PAYNE, PALLONE and SIREs)

Bill Number: HR 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 1259 Route 46 East, Building 3, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$400,000 to be distributed to ten local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies serving 19 counties to strengthen and expand one-to-one mentoring programs for At-Risk Youth.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ–02) (along with Reps. SMITH (NJ), PASCRELL and PAYNE)

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DARE, New Jersey, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$350,000 to be used for the Middle School Drug and Safety Prevention Project for DARE, New Jersey, Inc. The project will implement the new D.A.R.E. Middle School/Junior High School Program, "Keepin' It Real". This is a model substance abuse prevention education program on the SAMSHA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Illinois Meth Project, Springfield, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Methamphetamine.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Meth Project, 937 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62704.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to prevent teen methamphetamine use in Illinois through community outreach and strategic advertising campaign. The state of Illinois has a critical methamphetamine problem

and the Illinois Meth Project aims to combat such through large scale media campaign initiatives targeting teens and first time Meth use. A survey of central Illinois teens shows substantial, positive changes in attitudes towards Meth after the first wave of Illinois Meth project advertising.

Also, the Sangamon County Sheriff Technology Upgrades for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Springfield, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701.

Description of Request: This funding will assist in the purchase of new equipment for a violent crime investigation initiative, court facility security cameras, video visitation monitoring system, computers, supportive technology and an X-Ray machine. Recent economic downturns have constrained the county's ability to support new or expanded projects.

And, the Schuyler County Sheriff Technology Upgrades for the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office, Rushville, Illinois

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, 216 E. Lafayette, Rushville, IL 62681.

Description of Request: Funding in this request would be used to assist in technology upgrades for the county Sheriff's Department. This includes radio tower equipment, new console-control center in the main office, new in-car radios and cameras as well as hand held radios. Existing control panel is 25 years old. These upgrades will greatly enhance both officer and public safety.

The Springfield Police Department Technology Upgrade for the Springfield Police Department, Springfield, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Springfield Police Department, 800 East Monroe Street, Room 300, Springfield, IL 62701.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to upgrade radio consoles, install video camera system at police firearms range/weapons facility, purchase wireless headsets, software upgrades, purchase mobile data computers. These advancements will strengthen several technological deficiencies to increase law enforcement in the city of Springfield and help officers to make state and national inquiries about suspected law violators.

The Interoperable Law Enforcement Communications for the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, Pekin, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, 101 S. Capitol St., Tazewell County, Pekin, IL 61554.

Description of Request: This funding will be used to assist in purchase of communications equipment and radio frequencies to provide for complete coverage within the county's jurisdiction. This will provide better communications coverage in the county's jurisdiction as well as better communications with other Police Agencies with better dependability.

The Illinois Height Modernization for the Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Provisions/Account: Department of Commerce, NOAA, Operations, Research and Facilities.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Programs at the University of Illinois, located at 615 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

Description of Request: For the Illinois State Geological Survey to continue their Height Modernization project. This project will establish a datum-consistent vertical and horizontal statewide network of survey benchmarks and a statewide high-resolution digital elevation model (DEM) of the earth's surface based upon the updated network of survey benchmarks (approximately half can no longer be located), the project would also provide a digital elevation (LiDAR) model for the state. This will establish accurate, reliable heights using GPS technology in conjunction with traditional leveling, gravity, and modern remote sensing. The necessity of this is to get accurate mapping of the state for urban and rural development.

PAKISTAN ENDURING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1886. Though the bill takes steps in the right direction by providing badly needed assistance to Pakistan, it also includes a dangerous trade provision that undermines the otherwise benevolent parts of the bill. The bill grants duty free treatment for textiles and clothing produced in certain regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan called Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs).

With the existing instability in war-torn Afghanistan and the increasingly unstable conditions in ROZ designated areas of Pakistan, there is little reason to think that labor and environmental protections that are critical in any trade environment can be adequately enforced.

The United States has granted this sort of trade preference before. In 2006, The New York Times reported that U.S. trade pref-

erences in the country of Jordan for textiles and apparel beginning in 1994, followed by a Free Trade Agreement in 2001, had brought about sweatshop conditions for a guest workforce imported from Bangladesh and China. Trade preferences will not benefit local populations in Afghanistan and Pakistan if an imported workforce is employed in factories producing duty-free goods.

This bill imposes a U.S. trade policy with a track record of undermining stability and economic security on nations for which the U.S. purports to provide stability and security. Our foreign policy should promote economic stability worldwide, thereby eliminating the true roots of terrorism: desperation. The bill calls on the Obama Administration to put forth a comprehensive security strategy that will eliminate U.S. concerns about terrorist threats and safe havens in Pakistan and the region. But it includes a trade provision that undermines stated U.S. foreign policy goals in Pakistan. As such, I must oppose H.R. 1886.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to the Campbell Amendment. This amendment would bar funds in the bill from being used to fund a \$600,000 project for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries which I requested along with Reps. Bishop, King and Pallone. In addition, it reduces by \$600,000 funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA.

The Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries is a multi-state partnership comprised of commercial and recreational fishing organizations and academic institutions in New Jersey and New York. It is dedicated to the design and implementation of scientific projects addressing critical needs to improve the assessment and attainment of sustainability for the most important fisheries of the Mid-Atlantic region.

The project the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee has chosen to fund and which this amendment bars funding for is titled "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative." The goal of this initiative is to gain data to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management of the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. This data will then be provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service, regional councils, and state regulatory bodies to be used in the assessment process carried out by these groups. This assessment process is used to estimate maximum sustainable yield, and from this, yearly fishing quotas.

Summer flounder and black sea bass are among the most valuable commercial and recreational fish species in the Mid-Atlantic re-

gion. A reduction in total allowable catch for summer flounder since 2004 decreased the commercial and recreational fisheries by over 37.7 percent with an economic impact in excess of \$47.3 million per year. In 2008, the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries provided necessary data leading to a relaxation of quota reductions in 2009. This was an important first step in improved management of this species which can continue with funding for this project.

In 2009, the black sea bass quota was cut 44 percent, costing the economies of the Mid-Atlantic an estimated \$92 million. Without additional research on critical data inadequacies the continued viability of this vital fishery is endangered.

Cape May, New Jersey in my Congressional District is the second busiest commercial fishing port on the East Coast. The data this initiative could produce and the yearly fishing quotas it could impact have direct effects on the economy of my district. This would impact not only the commercial fishermen and their families, but recreational anglers and the shore-based infrastructure both groups rely on—docks, packing houses, bait and tackle shops, marinas, etc., as well as the restaurant owners and seafood markets.

The \$600,000 set aside by the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee for the "Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Initiative" for the Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries will provide essential data which has the ability to directly impact the economy of my Congressional District. For this reason, I join Reps. BISHOP, KING and PALLONE in strongly opposing the Campbell Amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science FY 2010 Appropriations bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAUD ROBINSON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maud Robinson on her retirement and to recognize the significant contributions she has made to the community as a member of the Vienna Town Council and throughout her years of civic involvement.

Maud Robinson has lived a life of commitment to her community and her country. During World War II, she proudly served with the United States WAVES. A few years after the war, she moved to Vienna, Va., where she has lived for nearly 60 years. Throughout this time, Maud has been an active community supporter, donating her time and energies to The Ayr Hill Garden Club, the Vienna Rotary Club, Historic Vienna, Inc. and many other civic organizations.

In 2000, Maud was appointed to the Vienna Town Council. Her late husband, Charles A. Robinson Jr., died earlier that year after serving 38 years on the Council, the last 24 as Mayor. Maud Robinson won re-election in 2001 and again in 2005. During her term she has been known for her historic preservation efforts, fiscal conservatism and the maintenance of the "small town" atmosphere that makes Vienna a very special place. Always

acting to improve the quality of life for the residents of Vienna, Maud has been a constant presence at Fairfax County Board of Supervisor meetings, revitalization meetings and everywhere else where her dedication to her community would have a positive impact on fellow Vienna residents.

After serving on the Vienna Town Council for the last nine years, Maud has decided to not seek reelection and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time. The community will be eternally grateful for her many contributions, and her strength and determination will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maud Robinson on the occasion of her retirement and in thanking her for her years of service to the community and our country.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOINONIA WORSHIP CENTER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center in Pembroke Park, Florida. Since its inception, the Church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

In January 1980, three families—the Jones', the Albury's and the Harvey's, of Carol City, Florida decided that they needed a closer walk with God and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. They began to meet on Monday nights for a Spirit filled Bible study at the home of Eric H. Jones, Jr. As the months passed, the study group increased in number and eventually outgrew the pastor's home. Under the leadership of Pastor Jones a ministry was established. A meeting was held with a Bible study group of West Hollywood, Florida, headed by Brother Irving Seymour and another Christian body from Hallandale, Florida. On June 1, 1982, Pastor Jones was asked to be the pastor and Irving Seymour was asked to be the evangelist.

The name Koinonia was suggested by Evangelist Irving Seymour. It was presented to the group and accepted. The membership also decided that the church would be a non-denominational worship center, and would be supported by tithes and offerings. The first services were held on June 13, 1982, at the Ramada Inn in Hallandale, Florida. On June 16, 1982, the business meeting was held at the home of Deacon Albury in Miami, Florida. The decisions on the Articles of Faith, the Church's constitution, bylaws, covenant and officers were made at the meeting.

The church's officers were: Pastor, Eric H. Jones, Jr.; Chairman of Deacons, Arnold Albury; Secretary, Elois Seymour; Clerk, Beverly Parks; Sunday School Superintendent, Irving Seymour; Minister of Education, Rosita Albury; Assistant Minister of Education, Bloneva Jones; Treasurer, Sonja Harvey; and Usher, Tyrone Pitts.

Koinonia began with 18 charter members, has moved from various locations, has grown

to a membership of over 6,000, operates seven days a week, and has 27 ministries. Some of the ministries include: Prison, More Than Conquerors, Christian Men of Destiny, Women of Vision, Reaching Hands, and Economic Empowerment. Koinonia is known for reaching out to the oppressed, developing programs for the socially and economically out-cast and presents a unique and clear methodology for salvation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and honoring Koinonia Worship Center as it celebrates 30 years of dedicated fellowship. Throughout the past 30 years, the clergy and members have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. Koinonia is a model for our community and our Nation. Koinonia has never wavered from the ministry of saving lost souls, preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, and reaching out and renewing the spirit of neighbors in need. It is my hope Koinonia continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 428. This statement is of great importance because it recognizes the true commitment of fatherhood. House Resolution 428 commends the millions of fathers who embrace their parental responsibilities by providing love and support to their children. Raising children is by no means an easy task, but those who have dedicated their lives to provide for their offspring play a vital role in their development. Fathers are teachers and protectors who impart life lessons in preparation for the future. This is a very important, timely bill, and I commend Representative MIKE MCINTYRE for bringing this resolution before the House.

House Resolution 428 recognizes the impact fathers have on their children. We must encourage responsible fatherhood because it can reduce the amount of impoverished children, many with one parent who are unable to afford the resources necessary to raise a family. Children who are fortunate enough to have an involved father have a greater chance of excelling in school and have less of a chance of exhibiting behavioral problems. The influence of a father promotes healthy development of a child in every aspect. Children are so easily influenced and proper guidance utilizing both parents can spur growth and future accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to add my voice and support in recognition of our nation's fathers. We must use this opportunity to praise accountable fathers because they provide strength to their families and communities. I will work diligently with my colleagues to acknowledge their commitment and continue to encourage men who are not as engaged in the lives of their children to start fresh on Father's Day to become positive and strong influences in their child's development.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, at its core, the Commerce-Justice-Science bill is designed to keep our economy strong, our people safe, and our research and development efforts thriving. This legislation accomplishes all of three of these objectives—and it does so in a fiscally responsible manner by scrutinizing each of the bill's existing programs, eliminating eleven of them and trimming thirteen others.

In particular, I am pleased that science, technology and innovation receive \$30.6 billion under this legislation, an increase of \$1 billion over last year. Of that amount, \$6.9 billion will go to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support promising scientific research at America's universities. \$781 million will go to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), including \$125 million for Manufacturing Extension Partnerships to help small and mid-size companies compete overseas and \$70 million for the Technology Innovation Program to fund high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need. \$18.2 billion will go to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for its groundbreaking research into space and aeronautics. And \$4.6 billion will go to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for its indispensable analysis on climate and weather. Importantly, the bill also provides \$1.08 billion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to properly train America's future workforce.

To keep our communities safe, this legislation also invests \$3.4 billion in state and local law enforcement—including \$802 million for the COPS program to hire more than 7000 police officers, \$385 million for juvenile justice programs that support our nation's youth, and \$400 million to prevent violence against women.

Mr. Chair, I commend Chairman MOLLOHAN, Ranking Member WOLF and the rest of the subcommittee for its work on this legislation and urge my colleagues' support.

IN HONOR OF THE LAKE CITIES
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lake Cities Fire Department for 50 years of volunteer service to the cities of Corinth, Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek, and Shady Shores.

The Lake Cities Volunteer Fire Department started in 1959 with several concerned citizens getting together a volunteer service to provide safety and fire protection for their cities.

Over the past 50 years the department has undergone numerous changes, culminating in the city of Corinth taking control of the department in 2008 and contracting with the other cities for service. Today the department staffs trained first responders, 2 fire engines and 2 ambulances. Each day the department strives to deliver the highest level of professional service to its residents.

It is with great honor that I recognize the 50th anniversary of the Lake Cities Fire Department. The service and dedication of both the volunteer and paid firemen have kept these cities safe for 50 years. I am proud to represent the department and the brave men and women who serve there.

REMEMBERING SANDRA OTAKA,
THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN
ELECTED COOK COUNTY JUDGE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and contributions of Judge Sandra Otaka, a constituent of mine and a dear friend, who died on June 6. Judge Otaka is remembered not just for her brilliant legal career but for a life committed to fighting for equality and justice for all. She died too soon and she will be greatly missed.

Judge Otaka was appointed to the bench of the Illinois Supreme Court in 2000. In 2002, she was elected as the first Asian-American to be Cook County Judge, serving in the children protection court. While that accomplishment was extraordinary, it was just one of many exemplary moments in her career.

Born the daughter and granddaughter of Japanese Americans who were imprisoned in U.S. internment camps during World War II, Sandra Otaka dedicated her life to fighting for justice. As a child, she campaigned against the Vietnam War. During college, she worked at a law firm that successfully overturned the conviction of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese-American imprisoned in 1944 for failing to report to an internment camp. Throughout her adult life, she worked tirelessly to represent those who too often had no voice.

Judge Otaka was an inspiration not only to Asian-Americans in Chicago, but to legions of others, including me. I loved and respected her deeply not only for her brilliant mind, but for her tremendous heart. The outpouring of sorrow and the sense of loss are a testament to Sandra's gift for befriending people and touching their lives in ways big and small. While all of us who were Sandra's friends will miss her terribly, we can find some comfort in our memories of that beautiful, vibrant and vital woman whom we were so fortunate to have in our lives, albeit for too brief a time.

My heart goes out today to her beloved son Jeffrey. Jeffrey was the center of Sandra's life and she was absolutely devoted to him. She talked about him and his accomplishments often, and Sandra always had a photo ready

to share. I also extend my condolences to her sister Susan, and all of Sandra's family and friends whom she loved dearly and who loved her in return. Judge Otaka made our community and our nation a better place. I and so many people in Chicago are indeed fortunate to have had her in our lives.

IN HONOR OF THE 2009 LITERACY
COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIR-
GINIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the 2009 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards.

Founded in 1962, The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is a non-profit educational organization that recruits and trains volunteers to teach adults who need help reading, writing, speaking and understanding the English language.

The Literacy Council provides a wide range of programs including programs for English speaking adults who need help with reading and writing, ESOL programs for those in our community for whom English is not their native language and Family Learning Programs to teach English proficiency to parents and their children who are between the ages of two and 12.

Each year, The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia recognizes a few of its outstanding adult learners, volunteers and/or community partners. This year, a special award will be given to student essay contest winners, the theme of which was "Hope for the Future". It is my great honor to recognize the following recipients of the 2009 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards:

Recipients of the Community Partners Awards are: Alexandria Community Trust, The Wish You Well Foundation, and the Richard Byrd Library (Fairfax County).

Recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Awards are: Kay Habeger, Michael Wolff and Monica Simone.

Recipients of the Student Essay Contest Awards are: Jieun Jang, Albert Costanzo, Wei Yang Tsai, Gloria Cruz, Hala Elnoby, and Deepa Kulkarni.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and congratulating each of the 2009 Award recipients. Their dedication, hard work and commitment improves the quality of life for the students as well as the community by providing the program participants with the life skills that are necessary to become an active and productive member of society.

RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR J.
ROBERT HUNSICKER

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor J. Rob-

ert Hunsicker. He has served the town of Perkasio, Pennsylvania as Mayor for the past decade.

A lifelong resident of Perkasio, Mayor Hunsicker has been active in his community for years. He grew up working for his father's butter and egg business in town, and graduated from Sell-Perk High school in 1945. He served as a Justice of the Peace from 1955 to 1969, and then as a district justice from 1970 until his retirement to a senior judge position in 1993. In this role, the Mayor had the opportunity to serve on most courts in Bucks County.

Described by colleagues as Perkasio's biggest fan and loudest cheerleader, the Mayor has been a champion for the many programs that represent his hometown. This includes the Perkasio Park System, where free arts and cultural events are held weekly during the summer months. One of Mayor Hunsicker's dreams has been the construction of a new band shell in which to house these community events. During his time in office, the Mayor has also partnered with the neighboring town of Sellersville to oversee the successful merging of the towns' two police departments.

Mayor Hunsicker will retire later this month in order to enjoy some well-deserved time with his six children and six grandchildren, and will of course remain involved in the Perkasio community. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker for his admirable lifelong service. I am honored to serve as his Congressman. Congratulations on the dedication of their headquarters today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 2847, The Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP
Account: COPS-Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-up Grants

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation-Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force

Address: 901 R.S. Gass Blvd.—Nashville, TN 37216-2369, c/o 1110 Market Street, Suite 332, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force requested funding to train and equip local law enforcement officers throughout the State of Tennessee in a cooperative effort to combat the manufacture, distribution and use of methamphetamine, both domestic and foreign, in Tennessee. Twenty-four hour response will be provided to state and local law enforcement agencies fighting the epidemic. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the Tennessee Meth Task Force received \$2 million to supplement the lack of funding for preventing illegal methamphetamine use.

Distribution of funding:

Personnel—8%

Benefits—3%

Travel—8%

Equipment—16%

Supplies—25%

Contract law enforcement officers—31%

Training—9%

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grant Program

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Chattanooga

Address: 101 East 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The Mayor and City Council of Chattanooga have requested funding to move and equip a law enforcement firing range. In 2003, President Bush signed legislation establishing the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District at the location where the current range has been used for police training for decades. The formation of the national park and the planned visitor center requires that the firing range be moved to another site. The Mayor and City of Chattanooga received \$500,000 to offset part of the expense associated with the relocation.

Distribution of funding:

Facility renovation—30%

Equipment—50%

Technology—20%

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD NICHOLS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Howard Nichols, an Army veteran, a distinguished teacher, and the Headmaster at The Harker School in San Jose, California. Mr. Nichols passed away from esophageal cancer on December 31, 2008.

During his 32 years as Headmaster of The Harker School, Howard Nichols played a critical role in helping so many young people and his presence is greatly missed today. The following obituary was published in the San Jose Mercury News on January 1, 2009:

"To describe Howard Nichols as the heart and soul of Harker School barely captures the magnitude of the role that the retired headmaster played at the San Jose private school.

"Mr. Nichols also was the visionary, architect, recruiter and administrator who built Harker into a prestigious academic powerhouse. He got to know each child and family, helped teachers find housing and seldom saw a piece of litter on campus he didn't pick up. A product of Harker's predecessor, the Palo Alto Military Academy, Mr. Nichols was a passionate educator who, without a teaching credential, created the largest K-12 independent school in California.

"Mr. Nichols died Dec. 31 of esophageal cancer. He was 68.

"His door at Harker always was open to staff, parents and students and visitors—who, while stopping by to talk, often could help themselves to a chocolate chip cookie, perhaps still warm from the school kitchen, said his wife, Diana Nichols.

"Howard was one of the most compassionate people I've ever met," said John Near,

a Harker history teacher whom Mr. Nichols hired 30 years ago. Mr. Nichols considered Harker a family, and instilled that sense of caring in students, Near said.

"Mr. Nichols was born in Bremerton, Washington, and moved to the Oakland area as an infant. In second grade he moved to the Peninsula when his father, Major Donald Nichols, took over the Palo Alto Military Academy. The young Mr. Nichols was a boarder at the Parkinson Street campus, and went home to Los Altos on the weekends. His mother, Jean Fisher, ran a restaurant in Los Altos.

"Mr. Nichols attended Palo Alto High School and Stanford University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics. He served two years in the Army, then joined the staff at his father's school. But in the Vietnam era, the military and military schools were falling out of favor. The Palo Alto Military Academy merged with neighboring Miss Harker's School for Girls and moved to San Jose. Mr. Nichols became headmaster in 1973.

"In 1981, Mr. Nichols married Diana Olsen, then a principal at Harker.

"The school expanded to three campuses, one for each level, and eliminated its dormitories to accommodate the high school expansion. Today, it has about 1,750 students in grades K-12.

"Mr. Nichols' skill as a listener, understanding parents' needs, informed his vision for the school, Diana Nichols said. With more dual-worker families, Harker offered after-school programs in sports, art and music, then uncommon among private schools. 'The complaint that people have about private schools in general was that it wasn't a neighborhood school. This created the neighborhood,' Diana Nichols said.

"Mr. Nichols also believed that the heart of a good school lies in good teachers, and he recruited nationwide for Harker staff.

"'He really made everybody feel valued. He used to put his hand on your shoulder and say, 'We're lucky to have you,'" said Chris Nikoloff who took over from Mr. Nichols as head of school. The Nicholoses retired in 2005, but continued to consult for the school and serve on the board.

"Mr. Nichols also believed in having fun. He'd challenge students to a contest, such as raising funds for a charity, and if students won, teachers and administrators would pay off by, for example, jumping fully clothed into the school swimming pool. He also created a culture of respect and caring at school, staff recalled.

"'He was a generous and kind man,' said graduate Sehba Ali Zhumkhawala, founder and principal of KIPP Heartwood charter school in San Jose. 'Certainly he was one of the inspirational folks who made me want to go into education.'

"Mr. Nichols also was an athlete, who did 100 push-ups a day until he became too ill three months ago.

"'He was a really noble man,' Diana Nichols said. 'He's irreplaceable.'

Madam Speaker, I ask that the entire House of Representatives join me in extending our sympathy to The Harker School and the Nichols family. The work of Howard Nichols at The Harker School will never be forgotten and will continue on in the lives of the many students he inspired as a teacher and Headmaster.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend a vote. Had I been present, my vote would have been "yea" on final passage of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
BOUND STUDENTS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to salute our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of tomorrow—the service academy bound students of the Third District of the Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people. I'm truly confident that they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. It is a privilege to send such fine young people on to our nation's prestigious service academies.

We lift these young leaders and their families up in prayer for their future service and sacrifices. I am so very proud of them. God bless them and God bless America. I salute them. The appointees and their schools follow.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY
APPOINTMENTS

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Matthew Burnham (Plano West Senior High School), Darrell Dancy (USAF Prep School—From McKinney), Stephen Hunter (Allen High School), Zachary Matthews (Frisco High School), Christine Molina (Ursuline Academy of Dallas—From Dallas), Chad Moore (Home School—From Plano), and Spencer Wood (Frisco High School).

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Richard Hansen (Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas—From Richardson), Joshua Koeppe (Prince of Peace Christian School—From Plano), Joseph Ramos (Sachse High School), Jan Redmond (Plano East Senior High School), Zachary Ricketts (St. Benedict at Auburndale—From Parker), Jeff Yao (Plano Senior High School), and Jacek Zapendowski (St. Mark's School of Texas—From Richardson).

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Jonathan Espinoza (North Garland High School), Tyler LeCocq (Frisco Centennial High School), and Brian Nichols (Plano Senior High School).

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Jonathan Alston (Plano Senior High School), John Aselton (Plano Senior High School), Lauren Carpenter (Plano East Senior High School), Jacob Coffey (McKinney Boyd High School), Tyler Mapes (Newman Smith High School—From Plano), Christopher Martinez (Cistercian Preparatory School—From Plano), and Michael Schmeck (John Paul II High School—From Plano).

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Chair, as a Member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I strongly support full funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

NASA's research, innovation and exploration have had a positive impact on education, national security, health care, and the environment.

The aerospace industry alone employs approximately 500,000 people across the nation and accounts for nearly 2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Furthermore, NASA attracts students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—fields vital to our country's long-term strength and prosperity.

With proper funding, NASA will be able to continue a robust research program and develop new technologies to ensure that the United States remains the global leader in space exploration and innovation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ACT
OF 2009

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009: a life-saving, bipartisan bill to reauthorize Johanna's Law, a national awareness program to educate women about the symptoms, risk factors, and prevention of gynecologic cancers such as ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancers.

Every hour, approximately 10 women in the U.S. are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer such as ovarian, cervical, and uterine cancers. Each year, we lose over 26,000 of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends to one of these terrible cancers. This is a tragedy. Research shows that many of those deaths could be prevented if more women knew the risk factors and recognized the early symptoms of gynecologic cancers so that they could discuss them with their doctors. Ovarian cancer has a 90 percent survival rate if detected in Stage One and only a 20 percent survival rate if detected in Stage Three or Four.

That is why, in December 2006, Congress passed the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act—also known as Johanna's Law, named for Johanna Silver Gordon, a dynamic and dedicated public

school teacher, a loving and beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Despite being a health conscious woman who visited the gynecologist regularly for pelvic exams and PAP smears, Johanna was blindsided by a late stage diagnosis of ovarian cancer—learning only after her diagnosis that the symptoms she had been experiencing were common symptoms of ovarian cancer, not those of a minor gastrointestinal problem, as she'd assumed. Sadly, despite multiple surgeries and aggressive chemotherapy, 3½ years after her diagnosis, Johanna lost her life to ovarian cancer. Determined not to allow Johanna's death to be in vain, Johanna's sister Sheryl Silver proposed Johanna's Law.

This bill provides for an education campaign led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase the awareness and knowledge of health care providers and women with respect to gynecological cancers. The program has been funded for the past two years, allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to begin a national awareness campaign about the signs and symptoms of gynecologic cancers.

In order to continue and build on these important efforts, the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2009 will reauthorize the CDC's awareness campaign and create a new grant program to support non-profit organizations in carrying out complementary education and awareness campaigns that extend the reach of the CDC's work. The bill enjoys the support of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA), the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO), the Alliance for Women's Cancer Awareness, Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists (SGNO), Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE), CONVERSATIONS: The International Ovarian Cancer Connection, the Cancer Awareness Team for Ovarian Cancer (Ohio), CanSurvive Support Group, UAB Gynecology (Alabama), Capitol Ovarian Cancer Coalition (COCO) (Kentucky), Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Nine Girls Ask (California), OASIS of Southern California, Ovacom United States (Florida), Ovarian and Breast Cancer Alliance of Washington State, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona, Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Greater California, Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance, OvarComing Together (Indiana), Ovarian Awareness of Kentucky, Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation (Pennsylvania), Space Coast Ovarian/Gynecologic Cancer Alliance (Florida), and the Women's Cancer Awareness Group (California).

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to move swiftly to ensure that women have the lifesaving information they need about gynecologic cancers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 354, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and reverence that I acknowledge Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Caribbean-Americans have made so many invaluable contributions to our nation's culture and historical development. With an indomitable spirit, resolve, and determination, Caribbean-Americans have maintained their unique cultural and social identity and made incredible strides in carving out their respective place within the American Dream. I want to commend my colleague BARBARA LEE for bringing this measure before the floor.

Numerous Caribbean-Americans have left an indelible mark on American history and culture. For example, Sidney Poitier, who spent his youth on Cat Island in the Bahamas, went on to become the first Black American actor to win an Academy Award. Sidney Poitier was a pioneer and where it once was an unobtainable goal, many Black actors and actresses now have the opportunity to enter an elite group of acclaimed Oscar winners. I also think of the incomparable Harry Belafonte. At his peak, Harry Belafonte was a gifted musician, talented actor, and fierce social activist. Although Harry Belafonte was not born in the Caribbean, he spent a lot of time in his mother's native country, Jamaica.

And lastly, as a Member of Congress, I cannot discount the contributions and achievements of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Congresswoman Chisholm frequently credited her success to the education she received while attending school in Barbados. As the first Black woman elected to the House of Representatives, she was a dedicated public servant and a trailblazer. It is often repeated, that we stand on the shoulders of great men and women who, through diligence and determination, paved the way for African-Americans today to achieve greatness. And as many of those shoulders belonged to Caribbean-Americans, it is truly fitting that we take this month to celebrate their heritage.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support H. Con. Res. 127. And as a vocal advocate for the Caribbean, I will continue to do my part and work with my colleagues to help the region face its challenges in hopes of propelling it into a great and prosperous future. So as we take this month to honor Caribbean-American heritage and history, it is my sincere hope that in time, we will be able to celebrate even greater achievements and developments in both the lives of Caribbean-Americans in the United States as well as the nations of the Caribbean.

OBAMA MEDICARE CUTS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, President Obama used his

weekly radio address last Saturday to outline new cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits, totaling over 300 billion dollars.

My continuous fear throughout the health care reform process has been that Democrats will opt to pay for changes to the system on the backs of seniors.

This is unfair to my district, where more Medicare beneficiaries reside than anywhere else in the country.

Among the cuts the President has proposed are reducing payments to hospitals that care for large numbers of the uninsured by \$106 billion.

President Obama asserts that because so many people will have health insurance after his reforms, these hospitals will no longer need the money.

But that doesn't account for illegal immigrants, who use the emergency room since they cannot obtain care elsewhere.

Emergency rooms visits are a major driver of health care costs, and if hospitals cannot receive aid from the federal government, they may be forced to eliminate valuable resources you or I may desperately need in the future.

The President also proposed taking \$75 billion from the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.

As someone who worked diligently on the bill to provide prescription drug coverage for seniors for the first time in history, I am adamantly opposed to taking money from this program.

The logical assumption is that if the program is cut, Part D plans will be forced to raise seniors' premiums in order to cover their costs.

President Obama is also determined to cut \$177 billion from Medicare Advantage plans, which I know my constituents value greatly.

Our nation's 44 million elderly who have worked hard all their lives cannot be ignored in favor of trying to provide coverage to a few million people.

I urge my Democrat colleagues in Congress to make more of an effort to address quality and reform payment systems, instead of taking benefits directly from seniors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agency Appropriations Act, FY 2010.

Project Name: Emergency Services Technology, Collier County, Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agency Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Account: DOJ/COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, Florida 34112

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$800,000 will be utilized for the

acquisition of public safety technology equipment for the Collier County Emergency Services Center. The funding is important because it will help to better equip Collier County's emergency service providers to respond to events that could engender the safety and citizens of Collier County, Florida.

Project Name: FGCU Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agency Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Account: DOJ/OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Gulf Coast University

Address of Requesting Entity: 10501 FGCU Blvd, S., Fort Myers, Florida 33965

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$200,000 will be utilized for the development of tools for training and processing crime scenes for use by law enforcement and public safety officials. This work will be done at the Florida Gulf Coast University in its Law Enforcement and Public Safety Department.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chair, I wholeheartedly support Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee Chairman MOLLOHAN's bipartisan amendment to restore \$100 million to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), to meet the Fiscal Year 2009 level of \$400 million.

I greatly appreciate my good friend, ALAN MOLLOHAN, and his staff's recognition of the importance of this program by rejecting the President's proposal to eliminate SCAAP.

Counties across the country depend on SCAAP for reimbursement of the costs associated with the detention and incarceration of criminal aliens.

Keep in mind, local law enforcement only receive a partial reimbursement through SCAAP. For example, in my district, Riverside County received reimbursement for only 17% of the cost of incarcerating criminal aliens in Fiscal Years 08–09. And out of Orange County's 65,000 inmates booked each year at the county jails, approximately 19% are criminal aliens.

Although illegal immigration is clearly the federal government's responsibility, counties incur millions of dollars in unreimbursed expenses each year as a result of housing criminal aliens.

During difficult economic times, local governments are struggling to pay for budgeted

programs and additional demands for services are straining the system to the breaking point—unreimbursed expenses simply cannot go unmet.

This amendment will help the many communities across the nation burdened with the costs of our federal government's failed responsibility to secure our nation's borders.

I urge my colleagues to accept the amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 12, 2009, I was in New Jersey welcoming home the soldiers of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team after their tour in Iraq and missed one vote.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 532 providing for further consideration of H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; and "yes" to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (rollcall 335).

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CAPTAIN THOMAS R. CARNEY, JR., UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Tom Carney and to recognize his dedicated service to our Nation. It is a great honor for me to thank Captain Carney and his family for their distinguished service. Captain Carney has proudly and selflessly served our nation for 28 years.

It was during his last assignment as Director of the Secretary of the Navy's Appropriations Matters office that I first came to know Captain Carney. In this capacity, he has proved to be an invaluable link between the Navy and me, my staff, and the Appropriations Committee. Captain Carney has escorted me and other Members of Congress on several occasions as we traveled both home and abroad to review military operations and to confirm the health and welfare of our troops.

On every occasion, Captain Carney performed his duties in an exacting and precise manner. But far more important to me and the members of the Appropriations Committee was the insight he shared with us concerning matters of national security and the Department of the Navy. He clearly understands the role of the Navy in providing for our Nation's security and stability, as well as serving as an ambassador for American values throughout the world.

We have always been able to count on Captain Carney's candor, judgment, and steadfast devotion to duty mixed in with a flair of humor. He was an invaluable asset to me

in Congressional deliberations in all matters regarding our Armed Forces, and his perspective on the needs of the Nation with respect to our sea services will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, we all know that behind every servicemember there stands a strong and supportive family, so I also want to recognize the Carney family: his lovely wife Nancy, and his son Ryan. They have been stalwart partners in his service to the United States. We can ill afford to forget that it is the strength of family, and indeed their love and support, that make it possible to honorably serve in uniform.

In closing, on behalf of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the special contribution Captain Carney has made during his tenure. I am especially pleased to note that Captain Carney was recently selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. We wish Tom Carney and his family continued success and the traditional naval wish of "fair winds and following seas."

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss a technical but important matter. H.R. 1256 would permit the use of brand names and logos on roll-your-own paper, as well as cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. The U.S. Congress has correctly recognized the necessity of allowing RYO manufacturers to put their brand names on the paper that is used to assemble RYO cigarettes. However, I am concerned that language only naming one component and not the other necessary components could lead to a prohibition on branding for tubes, rollers, injectors and filters. These are items that are used by individuals in their homes for purposes of making their own cigarettes, and not seen by others. They have none of the attributes which have caused the restriction of the use of logos on other items such as t-shirts.

For more than 100 years, these types of RYO making components have been marketed with company brand names and logos. This practice helps consumers easily identify which components and accessories to use and helps companies establish good-will with their customers. Yet, this practice will unnecessarily be forced to come to an end unless components other than RYO paper are included within the FDA's final rule on product branding. The intent of this legislation dictates that the branding prohibition does not apply to entities that do not meet the definition of a manufacturer or importer of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco. Any final rule promulgated by FDA should recognize that RYO papers and all necessary components are permitted branding authority.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM VEGH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening in recognition of Holocaust survivor and longtime Mahoning Valley resident Mr. William Vegh of Youngstown, Ohio, who passed away Friday, June 5, 2009. Mr. Vegh was born in Aspa, Czechoslovakia on November 21, 1928. Mr. Vegh and his wife Lucille, married on June 29, 1952, have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He came to the United States in 1948, and worked in the Mahoning Valley for 38 years. He was an active member of the El Emeth Synagogue where he attended services daily.

Mr. Vegh lived through one of the worst horrors visited upon our modern era: The Holocaust. Held in Auschwitz and various other concentration camps, he lost his mother, sister and four of his brothers. After being liberated by the allied forces and settling in Ohio, he dedicated his life after retirement to speaking and educating those around him about the Holocaust and the concentration camps in which he was kept. His utter dedication to this goal helped to ensure that the people of the Valley would never forget both him and the events he endured.

And his ability to inspire did not stop at the borders of Mahoning Valley. His story was documented by the Steven Spielberg Shoah Foundation, a non-profit organization based out of California dedicated to "overcoming prejudice, intolerance and bigotry". He also received many awards and recognitions including the Marvin and Sarah Itts Award for Distinguished Community Service, B'Nai Brith Guardian of the Menorah, J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, Heroes of Mahoning Valley/American Red Cross, the Janusz Korczak Humanitarian Award, the 2000 Triumphant Spirit Award and was an Honoree of the Youngstown Area Fraternal Brotherhood. These awards recognize his notable ability to connect with people and inspire them through education.

I would like to commend Mr. William Vegh for inspiring us all with his incredible story and all he has done for the community. I am very proud to have represented him and I wish all the best for his family.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriates \$200,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice Juvenile Justice Account for KidsPeace Florida Therapeutic Foster Care Program in my district. The entity to receive this funding is

KidsPeace Florida located at St. 711 Ballard Street, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

The funds from this request will (1) provide community-based placement to children involved with or at risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system; (2) address the mental health needs of children in the social service system; and (3) provide safe and supportive homes to children.

This legislation appropriates \$250,000 in the Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for St. Johns County in my district. The entity to receive this funding is St. Johns County located at 2740 Industry Center Road, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The funds from this request will be used to improve the communications equipment that allows the cities and County to communicate during an emergency.

This legislation appropriates \$400,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for the City of Maitland, Florida in my district. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Maitland, Florida located at 1 776 Independence Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751.

Funding will be used for the critical Public Safety Radio System technology upgrades and Mobile Data Terminals for the Maitland Police Department.

This legislation appropriates \$150,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for Volusia County, Florida in my district. The entity to receive this funding is Volusia County, Florida located at 123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, FL.

The Volusia County Sheriffs Office will use these funds for information technology systems upgrades to support a new evidence photo management system. The new system will provide for secure storage of evidentiary images to assist in the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of suspects.

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to amend the Whaling Convention Act of 1949 (Act) to require that the United States Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission (IWC) be a Federal employee.

The Act sets out conditions for the appointment of the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. It provides that the U.S. Commissioner shall be appointed by the President on the concurrent recommendations of the Secretaries of State and Commerce, and establishes that the Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

My legislation would add a requirement that any such individual must also be an employee of the Federal Government to ensure that the positions of the Administration are represented by the Commissioner. It would apply to any individual who is appointed, or reappointed, as U.S. Commissioner to the IWC on or after the date of enactment.

This amendment would bring the International Whaling Commission into line with other international fora, such as the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.

It also would signal a shift in our approach to ending commercial whaling in all its forms at the IWC. Under the last Administration the U.S. Commissioner sought to negotiate an agreement that would legitimize commercial whaling and allow the continuation of so-called scientific whaling. This policy direction was very clearly at odds with the wishes of the American people, past Administrations, and numerous Members of Congress. Further, while we all want to reduce the number of whales killed, unfortunately the proposed agreement would not have achieved this goal.

Last year at this time, the House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 350, which, among other things, urged U.S. leadership to use all appropriate measures to put an end to all forms of commercial whaling around the globe.

In the first days of the Obama Presidency, I urged him to ensure that the Bush Administration's flawed policies and negotiation tactics become a thing of the past. Just last month, 34 of my colleagues joined me in calling upon the Obama Administration to modernize the IWC and bring it in line with other international conservation treaties.

This bill is the first step in that direction. It is time to set new goals for protecting whales with an explicit commitment to the accountability and transparency that were lost during the last eight years.

In her public statement issued prior to this year's Intercessional Meeting of the IWC, Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley confirmed that the Obama Administration views the commercial whaling moratorium as a necessary conservation measure and believes that lethal scientific whaling is unnecessary for modern whale conservation management.

In that spirit, it's time for a new direction for the IWC, with a new policy and a new agreement to end commercial and so-called scientific whaling. I look forward to working with the Obama Administration, and this bill will ensure that the next U.S. Commissioner, who will be appointed this year, will be an employee of their Administration, fully in step with their new approach and commitment to opposing the resumption of commercial whaling.

As the 61st Annual Meeting of the IWC convenes next week in Madeira, Portugal, I again urge the Obama Administration to take the necessary steps to repair the damage done in recent years and to reestablish our nation's longstanding commitment to protecting whales.

As a symbol of that new day, I ask my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING SARAH YANG, MINNESOTA'S NATIONAL HISTORY DAY REPRESENTATIVE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sarah Yang of Ramsey, Minnesota. Sarah is serving as the Minnesota

representative for the National History Day competition and it is my honor to call attention to the hard work and dedicated effort she has put into her project.

Since October, Sarah has been researching information on Xang Vang, a Hmong community advocate in Minnesota, in concert with the competition theme of, "The Individual in History: Action and Legacies." She was first selected as a winner from Anoka High School and then selected among 30,000 students from Minnesota. Her project, "Restoring Roots: Xang Vang & the Regeneration of Minnesota's Hmong Economy" has culminated in a website that chronicles the life and work of Vang.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Yang and all the students who have participated in National History Day. We're often told, "We can't know where we're going until we know where we've been." Sarah is just one representative of thousands of students who have taken ambitious strides to learn the history that will guide them to a bright and successful future. Congratulations to Sarah for making it this far and I hope we will continue to see more students taking part in National History Day every year.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the Mollohan Amendment, which increases funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) by \$100 million.

Each year, American taxpayers spend over \$36 billion to provide health care, education, and incarceration to illegal immigrants. In 2005, the Government Accountability Office found that states spend more than \$1.7 billion each year alone to incarcerate criminal aliens. Unfortunately, Congress has only reimbursed about 20 percent of these local expenditures over the years through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The difference between actual expenditures and the SCAAP reimbursement level is particularly dramatic for my home state of California, which has the largest number of incarcerated illegal criminal aliens of any state in the nation. This year, the cost to California alone is estimated to be \$1 billion.

This year, the Administration proposed to terminate SCAAP by requesting no funding for this important program for Fiscal Year 2010. At a time when states, especially California, are experiencing unprecedented budget challenges, it is irresponsible for the Administration to terminate this program and place the costly burden of our nation's failed immigration policies on state governments. We cannot afford

to eliminate or reduce this vital program, which already falls far short of what states and local governments actually spend to incarcerate illegal criminal aliens.

Although I am pleased that House appropriators went against the will of the Administration by including \$300 million for SCAAP in H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, this is still a far cry from acceptable. My colleagues and I have offered an amendment to increase SCAAP funding by \$100 million, which will fund the program at a grand total of \$400 million for Fiscal Year 2010, which is equal to last year's funding.

If Congress fails to increase funding for SCAAP, states will be forced to cut many of our local law enforcement agencies including sheriffs, police officers, anti-gang violence units, and district attorney offices. Taxpayers should not be burdened with funding the incarceration of criminal aliens who, by law, are the responsibility of the federal government. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment and provide the resources necessary to our state and local governments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 340 through 350. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each. Thank you.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
JUDY BARNES AS CEO OF THE
HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION
OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with mixed emotions to honor my good friend, Judy Barnes, who retires as Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Rapids Home and Building Association, HBA, of Grand Rapids on June 30, 2009. Judy has been energetic and optimistic in her duties at the Association, where she has served as CEO for 25 years.

Judy's great attitude and outlook on life helped her successfully lead the homebuilding industry in Grand Rapids through good times and bad. When she took over as CEO in 1984, she helped grow the relatively small group to one of the largest HBAs in the nation through her solid work ethic and passion. Her professionalism and leadership skills garnered the respect of her constituency and the community, as she spoke on behalf of the HBA throughout the years.

The Parade of Homes is an annual tradition for the Grand Rapids area, and for Judy Barnes. She played a key role in planning this fantastic event each year, and helped expand the number of homes in the event to over 250 at its peak. While the downturn in the homebuilding industry has reduced the number of

homes in the Parade recently, it is still a great event that visitors have thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to Judy's hard work.

Even as the housing industry fell upon difficult times, Judy never lost her optimism, and showed compassion as people lost homes to foreclosure, and as builders had difficulty staying in business. In an interview with the Grand Rapids Press, Judy said, "The [homebuilding] industry will rebound. . . . I know it will be great again."

I wish Judy, and her husband Stan, the best of everything as they enter a new chapter in their lives. Judy has the wishes and blessings of many, many people who are grateful for her hard work and dedication, and also appreciate her contagious laughter and smile. Her hard work and personality will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE PAUL A. FINO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker:

Judge Paul A. Fino, on June 16th, 2009, at the age of 95. Devoted husband of 70 years to Esther C. Fino. Beloved and dedicated father of Lucille A. DiMuro (Peter DiMuro) of Menlo Park, California and Paul A. Fino, Jr. (Kathleen Fino) of Bronxville, New York. Judge Fino was the proud grandfather of 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Judge Fino dedicated the majority of his life to public service. From 1943-1944 Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York (Bureau Chief of the Criminal Division of the Education Bureau); 1945-1950 New York State Senator (Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Affairs of the City of New York); 1950-1952 Commissioner for the Municipal Civil Service Commission; 1953-1968 United States Congressman (Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Member of the House Banking & Currency Committee, Member of the Joint Committee on Defense Production; 1961-1968 Chairman of the Bronx Republican County Committee (County Leader), 1969-1972 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (First Department), 1973-1975 member of the law firm of Fino & Fino, PC.

During his lifetime Judge Fino was a member of The Knights of Columbus (Wakefield Council 2922), BPO Elks, USA (New Rochelle Lodge 756), U.S. Assoc. of Former Members of Congress (Life Member), Locust Point Yacht Club, Bronx County Bar Association, Royal Arcanum (Claremont Council), The American Justinian Society of Jurists, Association of Justices of the State Supreme Court, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, PEF Retirees, American Association of Retired Persons, Supreme Court Justices of the City of New York, Civil Service Employees Association, Order of Ahepa (Bronx Chapter No. 175), Retired Public Employees Association. Judge Fino was also the author of "My Life in Politics and Public Service," published in 1986.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY "REAL MEN COOK"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Father's Day Real Men Cook, which takes place simultaneously in 10 leading cities throughout the nation, in the Bahamas, on the continent of Africa, in London and Paris, and of course in my Congressional District in Harlem, New York.

Founded by Kofi and Yvette Jackson Moyo in 1990, Real Men Cook has become the largest family celebration in the country, presented annually on Father's Day. Real Men Cook includes average dads and father figures, leading celebrities and elected officials, like Eddie and Gerald Levert, and Marc Morial, President of the National Urban League, and I have cooked, served and hosted Real Men Cook events. President Barack Obama as a United States Senator is among the thousands of men who have rolled up their sleeves and donned a Real Men Cook bandana, apron or chef's hat to make a difference and change the way Father's Day is celebrated for the benefit of others.

Today, Real Men Cook is the leading urban Father's Day experience. It is a food tasting family celebration featuring men volunteering to cook for and serve in their communities. Proceeds from ticket sales are enjoyed by partnering non-profit organizations throughout the ten cities. I am pleased to announce that the Real Men Cook event in my Congressional District will take place in the plaza of our historic Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Harlem State Office Building, featuring Iron Chef Dizzar and other renowned Harlem culinary artists. The proceeds raised from this event will benefit Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc.'s Computer Clubhouse for children ages 10 to 18, the New York City Mission Society and Real Men Cook Charities.

Madam Speaker, let me also thank and recognize our sponsors Mr. Willie Walker and the New York State Office of General Services; Lucile McEwen, President and CEO, HCCI; Affinity Health Plus; TD Bank; MACY's; and WBLS for continuing to make a difference for all of my constituents, especially our children and families struggling during these tough economic times.

Happy Father's Day to all of the participating fathers for giving up Father's Day pampering to make a difference, not only in my district, but throughout this nation and the world.

DIRECTING THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL TO PLACE A MARKER IN EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROLE THAT SLAVE LABOR PLAYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 135, directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol. I commend my colleague, and fellow Congressional Black Caucus member JOHN LEWIS, for acknowledging the importance of this measure and presenting it before the House.

I feel strongly that the history of the African-American struggle must be taught and celebrated, even as we plan for our future. African-Americans performed the backbreaking work of quarrying the marble which surrounds us. Until recently, the history books failed to recognize that slaves provided many of the laborious construction tasks, such as masonry, carting, roofing, plastering, glazing, and sawing—which involved slaves stationed in pits from where, with a partner above ground, they would use a whipsaw to cut logs rolled over the pit. Labor wasn't solely for the adult males—slave women and children were used to mold clay in kilns.

In an article from the Associated Press, Sarah Jean Davidson, founder of the Association for the Preservation of North Little Rock, Arkansas African American History mentioned an important connection that this new marker affords. "We can say our ancestors helped build the Capitol so when we look at it, it's not 'your building, the majority', it's our building . . . It will be a connection not just for African-Americans, but for immigrants who come from all around the country. . . . Once they start feeling connected, then we are one," she said. In addition, the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center was named Emancipation Hall specifically to acknowledge the work of the slave laborers who built the Capitol and this marker provides a source for interested parties to learn about our history.

Madam Speaker, this measure is particularly important as it commemorates an under-appreciated aspect of America's history and I'm pleased to add my voice in support for this resolution. I will work diligently with my colleagues to ensure that this marker is created and maintains the ability to educate those who come in contact with it. This is a significant step in raising the profile and awareness of how African-American history is intertwined with the federal legislative body and I hope that this measure passes unanimously.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EUSTACE S.
CLARKE AND MIAMI RIDGEWAY
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Bishop Clarke led his congregation in celebrating the achievement of this beloved church, which has become a citadel of faith in the Miami-Dade County community.

In 1922, Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy began in a small community called Nazarene in the Northeast area of Miami, Florida. Their first pastor was the late Evangelist Andrew Bullard. He was then succeeded by the late Bishop J.R. Smith who served as pastor until 1930. During the mid-1930s, Brother Ed Rolle served as pastor until the late Bishop J.R. Smith returned and served again until 1939. Other pastors throughout the history of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy include: the late Brother Hermis Ferguson, late Bishop Henry Curtis, late Bishop Theophilus Hunter, late Bishop J.D. Williams, Bishop R.B. Davis, and Bishop George H. Knowles.

In 1983, Bishop Eustace S. Clarke, the present pastor, joined the Church's family. A Jamaican native, Bishop Clarke came to the United States as a migrant worker for the Belle Glade, Florida Sugar Cane Corporation. Bishop Clarke married his wife, Mrs. Emily Clarke on March 25, 1962. After nearly 47 years of marital bliss, Bishop Clarke and his wife are blessed with 14 children. Bishop Clarke has remained the pastor for the past 26 years.

While serving at Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy, in 1999 Bishop Clarke began to follow through with his vision for a larger sanctuary. Groundbreaking for this endeavor began in 2000. Though there were many obstacles and unforeseen delays, the Church will now dedicate their completed "House for God" on June 28, 2009.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and congratulating Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy has been dedicated to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. It is my hope that Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making ap-

propriations for the Department of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2847, and in appreciation of the work done by the Chairman and Ranking Member on this appropriations bill. I want to take a moment to speak to a provision included in the bill's accompanying report regarding methamphetamines.

I have heard from members of the law enforcement community in my district about the range of difficulties that they have encountered with the efficiency and effectiveness of the logbook requirement of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA). As you know Mr. Chairman, pharmacies are required to keep a record of the sale of various over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, due to their use in the production of illicit drugs such as meth. This record is meant to ensure that individuals do not purchase excessive amounts of specific pharmaceuticals in a set period of time.

Unfortunately, there is a wide assortment of methods used to meet this requirement. Some pharmacies utilize an electronic record system while others have a paper logbook to record purchase information. Further, there is no way for pharmacies in a geographic area to share information from their logbooks, which allows individuals purchasing meth ingredients, known as "smurfers," to easily go from one pharmacy to another, purchasing the maximum amount of product from each store.

The inconsistencies of the logbook requirement make it very difficult for law enforcement agents to investigate drug-related activities in a timely and effective manner.

This legislation contains a reporting requirement for the Department of Justice to explain its strategy for dealing with illicit methamphetamine production and to make recommendations on how the CMEA can be strengthened or expanded to improve the Department's ability to identify and apprehend those engaged in the illegal production and distribution of meth, and other illicit drugs, in our communities. I am grateful that Committee has agreed to include this report provision and look forward to working with the Chairman to ensure this report specifically takes into consideration the logbook requirement and ways on which that requirement can be improved to assist the law enforcement community with their difficult task.

Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their work on this bill and look forward to supporting its passage.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
FRANK EIKENBURG, FORMER
LEGISLATOR

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Frank Eikenburg of Dallas, TX, devoted member of the Republican Party and my good friend, who passed away June 4th at the age of 64.

Mr. Eikenburg was a respected member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1980 until he chose not to seek re-election in 1984. He was a respected leader in the Re-

publican Party, and his contributions to the State were generous. He was known as a kind and honest man, unafraid to stand up for his beliefs. He was always able to find the humor in life.

Along with his service to the State of Texas in the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Eikenburg was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to serve on the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles from 1989 until 1991. He spent the later years of his life as a political consultant, striving to uphold the conservative values he believed would make the country a better place.

Born July 7, 1944 in Wellington, TX, the son of Frank and Margaret Eikenburg, Mr. Eikenburg was a true Texan born and bred. He grew up in Dallas where he graduated in 1962 from Woodrow Wilson High School and obtained his Bachelor's degree from what is now Texas Tech University in 1966. His passion to serve his country, along with his leadership ability, was shown in his early years through his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1967.

He is survived by his daughter Constance Emily Eikenburg of Dallas, two sisters Madelyn Brooks of Dallas and Livonia Gay Graves of Houston, sisters-in-law Elizabeth Eikenburg and Beth Eikenburg, and many nieces and nephews.

He leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment to conservative principles, and I ask those here today to join me in remembering this outstanding American, Mr. Frank Eikenburg.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I am requesting as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grants account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Man Community Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: New Man Development Community Corporation, P.O. Box 98, Rehrersburg, PA 19550. Funds will then be distributed to each partner center, including Sandhills Teen Challenge, P.O. Box 1701, Southern Pines, NC 28388

Description of Request: \$25,000 is provided for the New Man Community Development Corporation, a community-based, private, non-profit corporation, partnered with Teen Challenge Training Center to provide vocational training to individuals seeking addiction treatment at one of 10 residential addiction treatment programs, one located in my district in Carthage, North Carolina. The Employment Preparation Project will provide year-round, pre-employment preparation training five days per week for four weeks to individuals in the

last month of a four-month addiction recovery program.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kannapolis, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 932 Floyd Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083

Description of Request: \$575,000 is provided for this project, called the Kannapolis Regional Radio Upgrade, to maintain emergency service interoperability with the surrounding region through the conversion of the emergency communication system from analog to digital. Moreover, funds would be used to upgrade the regional radio system with a fully digital network which operates in a frequency range compatible with other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation [TC]²

Address of Requesting Entity: 5651 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC 27518

Description of Request: \$965,000 is provided for [TC]², a consortium of fiber, fabric and apparel producers, organized labor groups, retailers, academic institutions and government agencies focused mainly on improving textile and apparel production techniques. This is an on-going project of research, discovery and dissemination of appropriate technologies for use in the apparel, sewn products, and soft goods industry. [TC]² provides seminars, short courses, consulting, and demonstrations to industry leaders. It also provides leadership and visions for an industry that has sustained serious job losses in the past decade.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Textile Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 7214, Administrative Services III, Raleigh, NC 27695-7214

Description of Request: \$1,800,000 is provided for the National Textile Center (NTC), a research consortium that serves the USA Fiber/Textile/Fiber Products/Retail Complex. NTC was established to achieve three primary goals: (1) Research: To discover, design and develop new materials, innovative and improved manufacturing, and integrated systems essential to the success of a modern U.S. textile enterprise; (2) Education: To train personnel, establish industrial partnerships and create transfer mechanisms to ensure the utilization of technologies developed; (3) Partnership: To strengthen the nation's textile research and educational efforts by uniting diverse experts and resources in unique collaborative projects.

THE WOMEN'S OBSTETRICIAN AND GYNECOLOGIST MEDICAL ACCESS NOW ACT (THE WOMAN ACT)

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, today, I am reintroducing the Women's Obstetrician and Gynecologist Medical Access Now Act, the WOMAN Act. This bill will ensure that every woman has direct access to her ob-gyn.

I believe women should not need a permission slip to receive ob-gyn care. Unfortunately, that is the reality faced by many women when they need to see their doctor. Numerous managed care plans require women to visit their primary care physicians before seeking the health care services they need from the providers they want. Denying direct access or forcing women to jump through numerous bureaucratic hoops to see their ob-gyn is not acceptable treatment.

The WOMAN Act recognizes women have different medical needs than men and the significant role ob-gyns play in women's health. Women who see an ob-gyn on a regular basis are more likely to receive important screening services, such as pelvic exams, as well as counseling on critical reproductive health issues. My legislation removes the barriers complicating women's access to their doctors. Women will no longer have to contend with the gatekeeper system that can prevent or delay appropriate care.

It is easy to understand what a difference direct ob-gyn access makes in women's health care. Imagine, for a moment, a woman in San Diego who works 45 hours a week and has limited sick and vacation time. Now, imagine she has an urgent medical problem requiring an ob-gyn visit. On Monday, she calls from work to make an appointment with her primary care physician. If she is lucky, she gets an appointment for the following morning. She takes time off Tuesday to go see her doctor. Her primary care doctor agrees she should be seen by her ob-gyn and gives her a referral. Tuesday afternoon she returns to work and calls her ob-gyn for an appointment. The doctor is in surgery on Wednesday, but they offer her an appointment on Friday morning. On Friday she takes another morning off from work and finally, after almost a week, gets the care she needs. The unnecessary referral process resulted in her taking an extra morning off work and delayed her proper medical care by 5 days. The patient, employer, primary care physician, and health plan provider would have saved money and time if the patient had been able to go directly to her ob-gyn.

While serving in the California State Assembly, I heard from many women who experienced the same problems I have outlined. After meeting with women, obstetricians and gynecologists, health plan representatives, and providers in the State of California, I wrote the state law allowing women direct access to their ob-gyn. That law was a good first step; however, it still does not cover women enrolled in self-insured, federally regulated health plans. This means that even if a woman lives in a state with direct access protections, like California, she may not be able to see her ob-gyn without a referral if she is covered by a

federally regulated ERISA health plan. In addition, there are still states which still do not provide women with direct access to ob-gyns!

Women save time and money with better access to ob-gyn care. I believe the time has come to make direct access to an ob-gyn a national standard.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation into law.

CONGRATULATING STEVE
LEBLANC, CITY MANAGER OF
GALVESTON, TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Steve LeBlanc, City Manager of Galveston Texas, on being named Administrator of the Year by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). Steve received this award because of the leadership he provided to Galveston in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Since my congressional district includes Galveston, my office has had the opportunity to work closely with Steve. I have always been impressed with his dedication to the people of Galveston, a dedication best exemplified by his tireless efforts to help Galveston rebuild, following the devastation of Hurricane Ike.

A longtime resident of Galveston Island, Steve has a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Engineering from Texas A&M and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. He has served as Galveston's city manager since March 1997. Before being named city manager, Steve held several positions with the city including Director of Utilities, Director of Public Works, and Assistant City Manager.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I once again extend my congratulations to Galveston City Manager Steve LeBlanc on being named Administrator of the Year. I also thank him for all he does for the people of Galveston. It is my sincere hope that Galveston benefits from Mr. LeBlanc's services for years to come.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL
THOMAS F. DEPPE VICE COM-
MANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE
COMMAND

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to retiring Major General Thomas F. Deppe. General Deppe became Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command in August, 2007. As Vice Commander, he provides leadership to the world's greatest space and missile force.

General Deppe began his Air Force career in 1967 when he graduated from Basic Military Training. His distinguished career is characterized by his Master Missileer Badge, Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III and Peacekeeper ICBMs, Hound Dog

and Quail Air-Launched Cruise Missiles, the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile and the Atlas III, Titan IV, Delta II and Delta III boosters. General Deppe's exemplary career is marked by command, operational and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments.

General Deppe began his illustrious Air Force career as a Missile Instrumentation Electronics Technician. He had a series of aircraft munition assignments and rounded out his enlisted service with an Air Force recruiting position, achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant. In 1977, General Deppe received his commission through the Officer Training School. This led him to his first assignment in Montana at Malmstrom Air Force Base. General Deppe's Air Force journey as an officer would take Eileen and him through a series of Wing, Air Staff and Joint assignments relating to strategic and tactical missile and space systems. He operated the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile in Europe and later served as the Commander of the 351st Organizational Missile Maintenance Squadron in Missouri at Whiteman Air Force Base. Additionally, he commanded the 90th Logistics Group at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming and the 341st Space Wing in Montana. While assigned to the National Military Command Center, he directed actions during the early days of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery effort. General Deppe went on to command the Air Force's land-based strategic deterrent force at 20th Air Force in Wyoming before his present assignment as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command.

During General Deppe's tenure as Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 personnel responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning and space launch facilities, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. Exploiting his unique blend of operational experience and staffing acumen, General Deppe championed the implementation of a new Management Headquarters construct through Air Force Space Command's "Lanes-In-The Road" initiative. The results clearly aligned the Command's headquarters organizations with its own functional concepts as well as the operational mission areas outlined in the United States Air Force Concept of Operations. In addition, he guaranteed the future viability of the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise by driving major system revitalization initiatives, to include the Air Force Chief of Staff-approved creation of an ICBM Weapons Instructor Course at the United States Air Force Weapons School. He was instrumental in successfully implementing visionary space mission area initiatives with wide-ranging national and international implications, to include the Launch and Range Enterprise Transformation effort, the Commercial and Foreign Entities Support Pilot Program and the operational expansion of on-orbit Global Positioning System and Wideband Global Satellite communications capabilities. Finally, General Deppe oversaw the command's lead role to stand-up the 24th Air Force to execute the Air Force's cyberspace mission.

Madam Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Deppe serving as the Vice Commander of Air Force Space

Command for the past two years. General Deppe's leadership was an essential element in winning the Cold War and vital to Air Force Space Command's support of combat operations around the world to include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, the Global War on Terrorism and Overseas Contingency Operations. His exemplary character and dedication to service have resulted in a career of which he, his wife Eileen, and their three children, Lisa, Tom and Ken, can be very proud. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his commitment to his Nation and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Entity Requesting: Olive Crest, 2130 E. 4th St., Ste. 200, Santa Ana, CA 92705, 714-543-5437; Coachella Valley Location, Olive Crest, 47350 Washington, Ste. 101 B, La Quinta, CA 92253

Description of Earmark: \$100,000 is provided for Olive Crest Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. Since 1973, Olive Crest Homes and Services for Abused Children—a 501(c)(3)—has been a leader in providing care for abused, abandoned and severely neglected children. Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse, to Treating and Educating at-risk children and to Preserving the family... "One Life at a Time." Olive Crest offers a wide variety of services and resources to meet the needs of every child and family in its care. Olive Crest, which serves the individuals in my district throughout the Coachella Valley through its facility in La Quinta, California. This includes the following five divisions: Family Preservation; Foster-Adoption; Education; Residential; Community Involvement.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program. The federal nexus of this program is to assist in the development of better citizens who are able to be productive members of society.

This project would fund Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program that provides a variety of services that work to break the multi-generational cycle of crime, drug abuse and child abuse.

Olive Crest's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program is designed to prepare youth for successful independent living. It is a three phase program for at-risk youth ages 15 to 24. The program assists at-risk youth in developing tools that will enable them to foster relationships and become responsible for themselves.

The ILS program is implemented in 3 phases:

1. Support Groups
2. Contracts (ILS Workbooks)
3. The Future Plan

At-risk youth can be involved in all three phases concurrently.

During Phase 1, the at-risk youth attend a group meeting for 10 consecutive weeks that focus on the emotional aspects of emancipating. Living skills training components include interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution and responsibility, parenting, sex education, personal safety and hygiene, health issues, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, anger management, budget management, banking, nutrition and cooking, shopping and other topics as they are identified.

During Phase 2, youth complete a series of 10 contracts related to the skills they will need when they emancipate. The contracts include banking, career, housing, transportation, education and other need topics. Higher education such as trade school certificates program, and colleges are other options for the youth. Staff will help youths with the college applications process.

During Phase 3—Each youth in the program will work on a Future Plan immediately upon entrance into the program. The ILS Coordinator will work with the youth to create the plan. The youth will meet weekly with the ILS Coordinator to review progress/goals of the plan for the first six months and monthly thereafter.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—Olive Crest currently invests \$2,650,000 in the Inland Empire (California) to provide services to more than 100 Olive Crest at-risk youth. Olive Crest invests \$525,000.00 to support Independent Living Support (ILS) program. For the last 20 years, Olive Crest has provided an ongoing private match of dollars and in-kind services of at least 10%. Last year, the match was \$260,000. The \$100,000 appropriation will be used to fund Olive Crest Independent Living Skills program.

2) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Entity Requesting: Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority, 46800 Jackson Street, Indio, California 92201

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided for Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communication Authority (ERICA). The ERICA involves a regional collaboration among the cities of Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Palm Springs, La Quinta, and Coachella. Recent Federal mandates highlight the urgency to upgrade radio communication to digital, interoperable 800 MHz frequency and be Project 25 compliant for agencies in Congressional Districts 41 and 45. The Federal funding for ERICA would be used to purchase equipment, hardware, software, facilities, engineering and labor to build an 800 MHz, trunked, P-25 compliant, digital, regional radio system. It should also be noted that in total, the cities, county, and tribal governments participating in ERICA have agreed to invest \$23,000,000 in this initiative.

The federal nexus of this project is to develop a communications system that can assist law enforcement and federal personnel in protecting life and property, which includes federal lands, in eastern Riverside County.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—The dollars appropriated for Eastern Riverside

County Interoperability Communication Authority in CJS, under the project title of Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communications Authority (ERICA), will be used for equipment costs to support the ERICA system.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 94005

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 will continue and enhance the City's gang intervention strategies including enforcement, community awareness, education, and the integration of local organizations such as school districts and private entities. It is critical that the City of Moreno Valley have the resources to develop more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative efforts between local enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public. The objective of the City's gang prevention program is to significantly curtail gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the Moreno Valley community.

In addition to the Administrative, Patrol, and Detective services they provide to the community, the Moreno Valley Police Department has implemented a number of crime prevention services and programs to specifically intervene in and prevent crime and gang involvement. The 2008/09 Fiscal Year police budget for crime prevention and special enforcement programs, including gang-related crimes, is nearly \$7 million. The requested funds will be utilized throughout the 2010/11 Fiscal Year to enhance existing gang prevention efforts.

The federal nexus is to assist crime fighting efforts. Gangs are often involved in the violation of federal crimes and this funding seeks to contribute to that crime fighting effort.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—One unsupported Gang Task Force Officer (one year)—\$120,245

One fully supported Special Enforcement Team Gang Officer (One year)—\$220,275

1,916 hours of G.I.F.T. program overtime—\$104,766

1,000 hours of SET Gang officer overtime—\$54,680

This overtime would be used to prepare gang enhancements, participate in community meetings to address gang issues, investigate gang-related crime, and conduct other gang-specific enforcement.

Total: \$499,966.

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN T. JOHNS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I submit the following poem for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It was written by Mr. Albert Carey Caswell, in memory of a fallen servicemember, a great father and a fine human being, Mr. Stephen T. Johns. It is also for his son who will carry his memory for the rest of his life, Stephen T. Johns, II. It is entitled, "Hate is Hard."

HATE IS HARD

Hate is Hard...

Oh how it makes me cry...

When, I see all of those tears in your young child's eyes...

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all we have!

To fight that battle, to so win that war... so all in time to all hearts grab...

Hate is Hard!

As why was built, this temple... this shrine...

To all hearts, to so remind...

To remind us all, hate is hard... and what hope can find...

To somehow, somewhere... so very deep down inside...

To win this battle, to bring that light...

Hate is Hard...

Just look at those tears now in your child's eyes...

This precious son, just like all those other ones...

Who's beloved parents, who too have so died...

All in this battle! All in this fight!

'Oh, how it makes me cry!

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all of your might! To win that battle, that fight!

As why!

In this place of remembrance, our Lord so placed Big John...

With your warm heart so right...

To so bring your light...

For on that day you died...

Was but shown, your last final act of love so inside...

To this dark evil, not knowing it would so take your fine life...

And leave all of your love ones, in such heartache so far behind...

And leave his young son, so all alone...

'Oh hate is hard... oh how it makes me moan!

'Oh now the tears I find...

As why throughout all these years...

So many children, women, and men... have so died here!

But, there is Hope! And there is Light!

All in your image John, that you so left behind...

And all in your son now so in time...

As he will to grown up to be, just like you... his wonderful Dad we'll find...

As on each new day he will so us remind...

Reminds us all, that hate is hard... but no match for the light

The kind that burned deep inside your father's most heroic heart so bright!

Goodness... Evil... Darkness... Light...

As this battle rages on this night!

Hate is Hard!

But, only we can! So win this war! So win this fight!

With such hearts of love, as big John's this night...

Remember, on this Father's Day...

As you bow down your head and pray...

A little boy has lost his hero, his joy... all because of evil's hate...

As why, in this fine shrine of courage and faith...

Our Lord God Big John so placed...

Grow up now my fine son, just like your fine Dad...

For your father's heard, inside of you... that you so have!

For you were the greatest thing, he ever knew... ever had!

And on this day, the Angel's up and heaven... they too cry...

As they see those tears run down your eyes...

As comes their gentle rain, to give you strength... to wash away all of your pain...

For on this day, up to heaven a new Angel does rise...

And Angel's are much stronger, to fight through all those lies...

So my little boy, daddy's little man... now wipe away all of those tears from your eyes...

For your Father is up in heaven, watching over you day and night...

But Hate is Hard... and our journey long!

And so, as this new day dawns...

We must be strong!

With hearts of faith, courage and love songs...

Can we so right all of these wrongs!

For Hate, is Hard!

But, love and light... far more brighter burn.

IN SUPPORT OF HOMES FOR HEROES ACT OF 2009

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important duties we have as a nation is the commitment to taking care of the men and women who have served their country in the Armed Forces. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 403, The Homes for Heroes Act of 2009 to help aid homeless veterans.

This legislation will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. The VA estimates that 154,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, accounting for about a quarter of the total number of homeless individuals.

My district, Fresno in particular, has a large homeless population. Many are veterans who would benefit from the implementation of the programs in this legislation. This bill will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. At-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks.

No matter how many urgent problems face our Nation, we must never forget those who put their lives on the line to defend the United States. Their uniformed service is a testament to the common values of sacrifice, honor, and patriotism we all share.

It is my hope that this legislation will find swift passage in the Senate, and be signed into law by President Obama in an expedient manner. I urge an "aye" vote.

CONGRATULATING THE SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sycamore High School women's varsity lacrosse team on winning the Division I Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association State Championship. The Lady Aves finished their remarkable season with an undefeated record, a total of 22 victories. This was their second state championship in four years.

Led by Head Coach Ed Clark, the Sycamore Lady Aves have become one of the most recognized high school programs in the Midwest. This year's team was top ranked in Ohio for the entire season and finished 44th in national rankings. Sycamore was the highest ranked team in the Midwest based on strength of schedule and an overall won-loss record.

The Lady Aves beat their rivals, Upper Arlington to win the championship by a score of 7–6, avenging a loss to them in last year's title game. Sycamore was led by the tournament's Most Outstanding Offensive Player Lily Ricci and the Most Outstanding Defensive Player Adrian Amrine. The Aviators talented roster includes two first team All-Americans and two second team All-Americans. Three senior players will continue their careers at the collegiate level next season, including Ricci at Brown University, Emile Hunter at Virginia Tech, and Kelsey Beck at American University. The most impressive statistic for these young women is that 85 percent of the team earned honors in the classroom and were recognized for their leadership on and off the field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing these highly talented women in their historic lacrosse season and in wishing them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, the Legal Services Corporation exists to promote equal access to justice and to provide high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. Since its establishment by Congress in 1974, the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) has been the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. LSC-funded programs serve the most basic civil legal needs of the poor in every state in the nation. The LSC helps people resolve landlord-tenant disputes, assists victims of domestic violence, and protects the elderly and other vulnerable groups from being victimized by unscrupulous lenders. Although the Legal Services Corporation has long garnered bipartisan support, some Members of this body are supporting efforts to decimate this already underfunded program. I am curious—do these Members think that poor people do not deserve access to legal help?

At least seven Members of the House submitted amendments that would take valuable dollars away from this invaluable program. One has even offered an amendment to eliminate all funding for the LSC. The message of these amendments is that if you are poor, you should take your lumps. Put your family in uninhabitable housing. Try to escape from domestic violence on your own. Let businesses defraud you with impunity. I say no. I am here as a proud supporter of the Legal Services Corporation. Over 95% of the LSC funding goes directly out to the programs. The Corporation consumes less than 5% in overhead.

I commend the Legal Services Corporation for addressing the justice gap that exists be-

tween rich and poor. Currently, for every eligible person assisted by LSC, one is turned away. Fifty percent of eligible citizens who seek help are turned away for one primary reason: lack of resources.

That is why I am grateful for Chairman MOLLOHAN's leadership in lifting some of the cumbersome restrictions and increasing our investment in the LSC and the people it serves. The truth is that Congress should be moving towards a future where no American will have to surrender her rights because she lacks the funds to pay for a high priced attorney. Instead, these amendments would take us in the wrong direction.

I urge my colleagues to support the Legal Services Corporation and oppose efforts to limit the assistance it can provide.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY W. MARTY

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry W. Marty for a career of service to our country. For 40 years, Mr. Marty toiled to advance his dream of exploring the Arctic. Having worked after college for a civilian contractor under the U.S. Antarctic Research Program and as an infantry Imjin Scout in the U.S. Army, Mr. Marty is most known for his research at the South Pole. Later this month, Jerry will retire from the National Science Foundation (NSF). After 15 consecutive seasons at the South Pole, on June 30, 2009, Mr. Marty will begin a new chapter in his life.

From 1998 until his retirement Jerry served as the NSF Representative, South Pole Station and as Facilities Construction and Maintenance Manager for the South Pole Station Modernization Project, building a new elevated station, and the home of cutting edge research in topics ranging from astrophysics and origins of the universe, to climate change. It is a 65,000 square foot elevated research station that sits atop a moving ice sheet on stilts to protect it from snow drifts. The official dedication of the new station took place on January 12, 2008.

Jerry was involved in the Nation's Antarctic research program from 1969 until his retirement. He is one of the few people on Earth who can say he was involved, in some aspect, with every South Pole station. He was Assistant Construction Manager for completion of the second South Pole Station, including the iconic Dome enclosure for the station's buildings and was present for the dedication in 1975, helping to transition from the original station built in 1957. During 1994–1998 he served as Construction Manager associated with planning for modernization of South Pole Station, and oversaw the construction of the current station. Since October of 1994 he has not missed a single season at the South Pole, sacrificing holidays and birthdays with his family. In all, his service at the South Pole totals almost 5 years of his life.

His vision of traveling the world started with a pull-down map in his one-room school house in Monroe, Wisconsin, where he grew up as the son of a dairy farmer. He went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin,

Platteville with a B.S. from the School of Industry, with an emphasis in Construction Management. He also served for 2 years starting in 1970 with the U.S. Army in South Korea, where he spent time in the demilitarized zone as an Imjin Scout (2nd Infantry Division).

To honor his dedicated years of service to building state of the art research facilities in the highest, driest, coldest, windiest place on Earth, Jerry was honored by the United States Board on Geographic Names by having the Marty Nunataks named after him. The Marty Nunataks are a group comprising about six nunataks in the western part of the Britannia Range in Antarctica.

In 1997, as Chairman of the Science Committee, I had the privilege of meeting Jerry during a visit I made to our research facilities in Antarctica to witness firsthand the research and construction that Americans were conducting at the South Pole and to evaluate the working and living conditions for our personnel stationed there. I was impressed with the dedication and expertise of the individuals on site. It was evident then, as it is now, that Jerry was admired by his colleagues.

Having worked diligently to ensure that the South Pole Station Modernization Project was authorized and funded, I am especially proud to honor Jerry on this occasion of his retirement for his dedication to the Nation's Antarctic Program since 1969. His unending commitment to the support of science will be remembered by all who know him.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Appropriations Committee for their inclusion of language that I requested in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010. This language, which emphasizes the importance of federal support for crisis hotlines for rape victims, states as follows:

“Services for Victims of Rape.—The Committee is aware that an estimated one in six women in the United States will experience a sexual assault in her lifetime, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation ranks rape as the second most violent crime, second only to murder. The Department of Justice is encouraged to continue supporting programs, including hotline programs, that facilitate the delivery of confidential recovery services to rape victims.”

The above language is specifically intended to express the House's support for the continuation of funding for the National Sexual Assault Hotline programs. These programs include the National Sexual Assault Hotline, accessible at 800-656-HOPE, the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, a Web-based hotline at www.rainn.org, as well as the other education and outreach programs created and carried out by RAINN (the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network). RAINN, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, DC, currently receives funding from the Office for Victims of Crime to carry out its programs. In the past, RAINN also has received funding from the Office on Violence Against Women and the Office for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for this purpose.

While rape crisis centers in every state and the District of Columbia play a very important role in partnering with RAINN to support the operation of these national hotlines, it is important to note that they are truly national in scope. RAINN launched, and continues to operate, both hotlines from its headquarters in Washington, DC. As a result, every American, regardless of where they are located, who becomes a victim can seek immediate, confidential support services at any time of the day or night by calling 800-656-HOPE or by going to rainn.org for Web-based information, referrals and support.

We specifically authorized RAINN to operate these programs for rape victims through fiscal year 2010, when Congress passed, and then President Bush signed into law, Section 628 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. It is critical that Congress continue to provide the funding necessary to ensure RAINN's operation of these programs in fiscal year 2010. Absent such funding, victims of crime will not receive the resources they so desperately need in the aftermath of an attack. The House did not specifically include a dollar amount in the fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act for RAINN to continue to operate such programs, and it is vital that the Department of Justice find a way to ensure that the organization can continue to carry out the important work it does to support rape victims in the aftermath of attack.

Vice President BIDEN, who sponsored a resolution honoring the National Sexual Assault Hotline in 2006, during his tenure in the United States Senate, described it as follows: "[a] critical partner in our fight to end sexual assault has been the National Sexual Assault Hotline operated by RAINN, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. RAINN created this toll-free telephone hotline 1-800-656-HOPE—in 1994 and manages it with 1,100 local affiliates in 50 States and the District of Columbia. Victims from across the country can telephone the Hotline and receive confidential, trained expertise from experienced professionals with the assistance of over 10,000 volunteers. In June 2006, the Hotline received its millionth call since it answered its first call in 1994.

"The National Sexual Assault Hotline is truly a national treasure. It helps individuals and families recover from a horrendous violation. It provides a safe haven for victims to talk about the crime, and offers referrals on local psychological and physical help. A call to the National Sexual Assault Hotline is often the first step towards justice for a victim. . . . The hotline's

volunteers are doing God's work and deserve our gratitude." I would agree, Madam Speaker.

In closing, I thank the gentleman from West Virginia for his inclusion of the above-mentioned language in this year's appropriations bill. I look forward to continuing to work closely with him during conference negotiations to ensure that the bill recommends a specified dollar amount of funding for the Department of Justice to support RAINN in its efforts to operate national hotline programs for victims of sexual assault.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DALE
LEON VINCENT, JR.

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dale Leon Vincent, Jr., an outstanding father, brother, husband, and a friend to many. Regrettably, Dale passed away earlier this year and left us too soon.

Dale's life was devoted to his family, his country, and his community. These values were instilled in him at an early age. His father, Dale L. Vincent, Sr., was a career officer in the Chemical Corps of the U.S. Army, serving in the European theater during World War II, and assisting U.S. humanitarian efforts after the liberation of Nazi concentration camps. Despite constantly moving from school to school each time his father's orders changed, Dale was a model student who devoted himself to his studies and to serving others. Dale reached the highest level of the Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout and earning the God and Country award. After graduating with honors from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, where he was a highly ranked member of the wrestling team, Dale attended Duke University and became a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. At Duke, Dale would meet the love of his life, Kathy Sarah Farmer.

Following his father's example of service, Dale volunteered for service in the U.S. Army and served honorably in Vietnam. Although, like many veterans, Dale did not like to discuss his experiences in Vietnam, he was greatly admired by his family and friends for volunteering to serve his country despite the great risks. Dale was a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps, received an Army Commendation Medal for service as an instructor at Fort Benning, and, later, a Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. Upon returning home, Dale earned an MBA at American University in Washington, DC, and married his college sweetheart, Kathy.

Dale became a successful businessman and entrepreneur in New York City, where he formed a number of companies and displayed a talent for innovation. Over the years, Dale created and ran two successful retail chains, Clubmart and Dress to the Nines. He owned a restaurant in New Hope, Pennsylvania, called "The Raven," managed technology investing at Associated Capital, and was CEO of Mangosoft, a leading software company.

Despite Dale's tremendous success as a businessman, his family was his greatest

pride. Dale and Kathy raised and were devoted parents to three children, James, Paul, and David. Dale's younger brothers both so looked up to him that they each became Eagle Scouts, went to Duke University, joined Delta Sigma Phi, and served in the U.S. Armed Forces, as well.

Dale Vincent's impact on those he shared his life with is truly immeasurable, but is apparent in the family and friends that love him so dearly. For his outstanding devotion to family, friends, and country, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Dale Leon Vincent, Jr.

INTRODUCING EVACUEES TAX
RELIEF ACT OF 2009

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2009, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2007, so it is available to Hurricane Ike evacuees, as well as those who evacuated because of Hurricanes Gustav and Dolly.

Just last year, the majority of my district, including my home county, was subject to mandatory evacuation because of Hurricane Ike. Therefore, I have firsthand experience with the burdens faced by those forced to uproot themselves and their families because of a natural disaster. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Madam Speaker, with the 2009 hurricane season now upon us, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION
AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (H.R. 1256). Today is a historic day for the prevention of disease and promotion of public health in America. I commend Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman DINGELL, and Chairman PALLONE for their leadership in advancing this legislation.

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States. More than 400,000 people die in the U. S. each

year from tobacco use, including 5,600 Minnesotans. Another 8.6 million Americans are living with a serious illness caused by smoking. Unfortunately, the problem continues to grow. Every day, more than 3,500 young Americans try a cigarette for the first time. One third of these individuals will eventually die prematurely as a result of long-term tobacco use. Even those who do not choose to smoke tobacco are put in harms way—for every eight smokers who die from using tobacco, one non-smoker also loses their life.

The Food and Drug Administration, FDA, is charged with ensuring the safety of food and medicine sold in the United States, but lacks the authority to regulate one of the deadliest products in America—tobacco. This is a loophole American families cannot afford.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, of which I am an original

cosponsor, would grant the FDA the authority to regulate the advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products, particularly for young people. By prohibiting the colorful marketing of tobacco products to children, we can help prevent countless young Americans from becoming victims of deceptive advertising. This bill will also allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve all label statements and to restrict the sale, promotion, and distribution of tobacco products for the protection of public health. This legislation will also accomplish all of these important goals in a fiscally responsible manner—funding for FDA tobacco activity will be provided through a user fee on tobacco manufacturers.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill to pass this bill and send it to the President to be signed into law. This is an important step to moving towards a healthier America.